

# J. E. MADDEN TAKES OF HORSE BREEDING

Says 'Sire Is Three-quarters of Stud' in Rearing Trotters or Runners.

## FULL-BROTHERS FAILURES

Kentucky Horseman Declares Distinguished Relatives Only Useful to Help Sell Misfits.

It is an old saying among horse breeders that a stallion is half the stud. John E. Madden, whose remarkable success in breeding, buying and selling runners and trotters has made him an authority on the subject, goes the old saying one better and gives it as his opinion that the sire is more than three-quarters of the stud. In talking with John C. Welby, W. H. Gocher and other members of the Board of Review of the National Trotting Association during their meeting at the Murray Hill Hotel a short time ago this subject came up, and the man who ranks among the largest breeders of race horses in the world remarked:

"The sire is more than three-fourths of the stud. Mares are necessary, but at the most a mare can give you but one failure or one winner each year. A stallion will get from fifty to seventy-five foals a year and many are two or three years will put a large brood on the rocks.

"Patches Wilkes, a fine individual and a good bred horse, failed to produce a single foal. From the same mare Peter the Great sent out a shoal of winners. Milton Young had a great sire in Hanover. When he died Lampighter was sent to the stud and he was a failure, just as well bred. Lampighter failed.

## Selling Hamburg and His Brother.

"Of the Hanover colts I selected Hamburg. He was a fine day. I had a Sheppard Bay after Hamburg had won a stake with 138 pounds up I was holding him by the head in the paddock. A thick set man with a stubby mustache came up and said: 'Young man, do you own that colt?'

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# Trotters Pay Their Way in This Racing Stable

ETTA RICO, 2:16 1/4, HER OWNER AND HER DRIVER.

## RECORD TIME SET BY KING'S HORSE

Bowled Surprises by Covering Mile and a Half in 3 Minutes 3 Seconds.

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The King's colors were carried to victory the first time this season when his horse Bowdoin won the Galtwick plate, worth \$1,000, which is probably more than the horse is worth. The royal victory was greeted by a huge crowd assembled at this popular track with uproarious cheering, for although many persons lost money on the race, they saw the race of a lifetime.

Dick Marsh, the King's trainer, chose the right side, prize and the right side of the field for the prize, the field being a small one, only one other horse competing. This was Winter King, whose jockey, Steve Donoghue, probably is the greatest jockey on the English turf since Fred Archer.

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# VELOCE ALICE HAS RECORD DIVISION HOLLYWOOD ALICE NOT SOLD--OWNER

James McCashin Explodes W. H. Gocher's Humorous Story of Sale.

It is always a sad duty to kill a good story, but the humorous account of the alleged sale of the hopped race Hollywood Alice, 2:06 1/4, to a former owner who failed to recognize her, as sent out a fortnight ago by W. H. Gocher, secretary of the National Trotting Association, and published in this HERALD of December 4, seems to have been a hoax. Mr. Gocher says he had it from Tom Berry, the Flemington, N. J. trainer, who was reported to have identified the mare as Hollywood Alice after her former owner, Fred Ballentine, had bought her for \$1,500 under the belief that she was a son of the famous English sire, the matter is awaited with interest by James McCashin, a well known and reputable dealer in horses from Morristown, N. J., who shipped the mare from England about two years ago and repurchased her there last summer when she was being so heavily handicapped that she could no longer win. Her two seasons abroad have been a success, she has won a grand total of four seconds in races here next year, making her eligible to the 2:15 class. In a letter to this HERALD Mr. McCashin says:

"There was not a line of truth in the story except that the mare was brought back here to race in slow classes, which she will do, barring accidents, under her new allowance. There has been no attempt at disguise in either name or appearance. Evidently the writer, who refers to her 'faded' and 'bleached' coat and her 'thinned out' tail, knows more about a pen than he does about a horse. Hollywood Alice is a clipper and she thought of buying her, and any horseman knows a bay always clips out a lighter shade. And a shipper knows the future of a horse. Her former owner has on board ship. Several of my horses had their tails rubbed almost bare.

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# COMPRESSED FORAGE FOR MY HORSES

Bricks of Oats and Molasses Being Used Successfully in U. S. Cavalry Service.

An event of interest to horsemen was made known yesterday when confirmation was obtained from high army officials that the first practical compressed horse forage is now being developed by the United States Army. Army officials are not prepared to make known the formula for the ration, which has been tested in the principal cavalry centers of the country.

Gen. Willard A. Holbrook, chief of cavalry, announced that the Government has purchased 20,000 tons of compressed oats and molasses and has been feeding army horses and mules on them to determine their availability for field use. Extensive tests have already been made in the Eighth Corps, and special tests are being conducted at Fort Robinson, Fort Bliss, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Royal, Va., and a number of other posts over the country, as well as in pack trains in the Panama Canal Zone and with the American forces in Colombia.

Until the United States Army started these experiments Germany was the only nation to use this concentrated feed for its army. Army men have been trying for half a century to find a satisfactory field forage which would reduce the weight as well as bulk and at the same time give the horse a food which would keep him in good condition.

This new forage is said to be composed of oats with about 13 per cent. pure cane molasses. The forage measures 8 inches in width by 12 inches in length and 3/4 of an inch in thickness. A brick of this size equals, it is said, four quarts of oats.

Military men from other nations who have been attending the conference on disarmament are particularly interested in current reports circulated in Washington that the question of horse feeding is being taken up in the conference and that the United States is being forced to make a concession in the development of this latest problem in the care of the army horse.

Horsemen all over the country were excited by the news that the United States Army is now testing this new ration to determine the food value of this forage. A march of 450 miles was undertaken by the Twelfth Cavalry under the command of Col. Sedgewick Rice on October 10, 1919, when the ration was used. The march was made in the care of the army horse.

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